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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Max Baucus  
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Re: Duty Suspension Bill (S. 2992) - Technical Change

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Baucus:

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. of Allentown, Pennsylvania, strongly supports legislation introduced by Senator Rick Santorum to suspend temporarily the duty on certain chemical products.

S. 2992 would reduce the cost of EPODIL™ L DILUENT, a hydrocarbon resin for use in making anti-corrosion epoxy coatings for protecting railcars and for flooring. Air Products is the sole manufacturer of this product, which is imported from the United Kingdom. Once imported, Air Products supplies this product to U.S. epoxy resin manufacturers for the downstream railcar and construction industries.

A technical change to S. 2992, as written, is needed to ensure that the provision is properly enacted. The article description should read:

*Hydrocarbon resin mixture of formaldehyde polymer with toluene (CAS # 25155-81-1) and toluene (CAS # 108-88-3) (provided for in subheading 3911.90.25.).*

We have notified the U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce of the need for this change. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your dedication to gaining the swift enactment of the *Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 2006*.

Sincerely,



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